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Applicants: Hausen, Bernard A.; et. al.  
Assignee: Vascular Innovations, Inc.  
Title: Method and System for Performing Closed-Chest Bypass Graft Surgery  
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Examiner: Not yet assigned Group Art Unit: 3738  
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In compliance with Applicants' duty under 37 CFR § 1.56, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner. The items are listed on the attached form PTO-1449, and a copy of each is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) This Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Information Disclosure Statement;
- (3) PTO form 1449 and references cited therein; and
- (4) Return postcard.

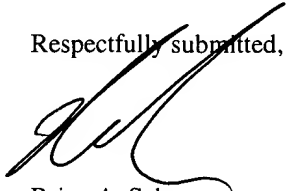
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Total Claims	Minus	= 0	x \$18	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	Minus	= 0	x \$80	\$ 0.00
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